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## **In Case You Missed It...**

### ***Indiana leading the way in wind energy production***

The American Wind Energy Association has announced that in 2009 Indiana was second in wind power growth. Indiana saw 905 megawatts (MW) of wind power come on line last year, behind only Texas. Here are some additional facts about Indiana's fast-growing wind energy sector.

- While Indiana was 2nd in wind power growth, the state was the 3rd fastest-growing wind state
  - Arizona went from 0 Megawatts to 63 MW
  - Utah increased its production tenfold from 20 to 204 MW
  - Indiana increased its production sevenfold, from 131 to 1,036 MW
- This is the second consecutive year Indiana is at the top of the charts. In 2008, Indiana was the fastest wind producing state, going from 0 MWs produced to 131 MW
- In the last two years, Indiana has moved from 50<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> among wind-producing states
  - Indiana wind farms now produce 1,036 MW of electricity per year
  - Each MW of electricity can power between 300 and 500 homes
- The following wind farms came on line in 2009 (megawatts produced in parenthesis)
  - Fowler Ridge II (199.5 MW)
  - Hoosier (100 MW)
  - Meadow Lake (199.65 MW)
  - Fowler Ridge Phase I Clipper (100 MW)
  - Fowler Ridge Phase I Vestas (300.3 MW)
- Indiana has one wind farm (Meadow Lake II) under construction. Several more have been proposed
- Additionally, 11 Hoosier companies manufacture wind turbine components, employing 1,000 Hoosier workers. That number is expected to jump by at least 500 in 2010.
- To view the entire study, visit <http://www.awea.org/publications/reports/4Q09.pdf>

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